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# 'Anti-Chile plotting by ITT revealed at Senate hearing

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Harold Geneen, president of International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., met in July, 1970, in a Washington hotel with the U.S. government's chief agent for Latin American subversion and espionage, at a time when ITT was said to be trying to block the election of Salvador Allende as President of Chile, a Senate subcommittee was told yesterday.

This testimony was given by William Merriam, ITT vice-president, shortly after a House subcommittee made public documents implicating Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew and five other top Nixon administration officials in pressuring the Justice Department to settle its anti-trust suits against ITT.

Merriam also said in his testimony that Geneen might have discussed ITT's attempts to derail Allende in a series of August, 1970, meetings with high Nixon administration officials, including former Attorney-General John Mitchell.

## Meeting described

According to Merriam, on July 26, 1970, Geneen met in the Sheraton Carlton Hotel in Washington with William V. Broe, chief of Clandestine Services, Western Hemisphere, Directorate of Plans, of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Merriam said he did not know who arranged the meeting, but when he escorted Geneen to the hotel, Geneen introduced him to Broe and told him Broe was

"the head of the Latin American division" of the CIA. Merriam said he left Geneen and Broe and waited in the hotel lobby; Geneen returned 25 minutes later and ordered him to "keep in touch" with Broe.

Before yesterday's session, Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho), chairman of the Senate subcommittee, said it would "seek to ascertain whether ITT and the CIA cooperated in an effort to prevent Allende from being elected President of Chile in 1970."

Subcommittee sources said yesterday that they had "sheafs" of documents on ITT-CIA collaboration to foment civil strife and insurrection against Allende, who was elected in September, 1970.

## More revelations due

More revelations are expected next week when John J. McCone is scheduled to testify. McCone, former director of the CIA, is now a director of ITT.

Subcommittee sources also said that in addition to the ITT-CIA conspiracy against Chile, the

subcommittee will take up the Justice Department's sudden 1971 decision to drop anti-trust suits against ITT. 10 days after ITT's Sheraton Hotels division offered \$400,000 to help finance the Republican Party national convention. The probe will also try to find out whether this may have influenced the Nixon administration and the CIA in any action against Chile.

A House subcommittee Monday released data prepared by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) which implicates, in the ITT-Justice Department "settlement" of the anti-trust actions, not only Agnew and Mitchell but also former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans, former Treasury Secretary John Connally, Nixon aide John Ehrlichman, special Nixon aide Peter Peterson, a former Commerce Secretary, and Charles Colson, former special legal counsel to Nixon.

Allende and the Popular Unity government in Chile have repeatedly charged ITT and the CIA with organized subversion.

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